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Marion County Prosecutor's Office honors Reach For Youth, Inc., as 2014 Crime Fighter of the Year

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that Reach For Youth, Inc., has been recognized as the 2014 recipient of the Crime Fighter of the Year Award. The award was presented today by Prosecutor Curry on behalf of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office to Reach For Youth President and Executive Director Michelle Study-Campbell at the 31st annual National Night Out Kick-Off and Crime Fighter of the Year Award Ceremony hosted by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

Reach For Youth, Inc., provides vital crime prevention and intervention services to youth and families in Indianapolis and Central Indiana. For nearly 40 years, the organization has been a valuable resource to schools, the juvenile justice system, and community organizations. Reach For Youth's mission is to empower Central Indiana youth and their families through prevention, intervention, counseling and youth development services. It serves more than 1,500 youth and their families each year.



"We are pleased to recognize Reach For Youth's active community role in reaching young people at their most influential stage to decrease the chances of future criminal involvement," said Prosecutor Terry Curry. "Through our partnership with Reach For Youth and its Teen Court initiative, we support the organization's goal to keep kids in school and hold them accountable for their actions, which decreases the likelihood that they will be involved in more serious crimes."

Through Reach For Youth's Teen Court, low-level, first-time juvenile offenders are prosecuted, defended and judged by their peers. One of the sentences that may be imposed is attending Educating Kids About Gun Violence, a presentation offered by the Prosecutor's Office and Eskenazi Health. Several deputy prosecutors also have served as Teen Court volunteers, guiding the process and engaging the participants so they develop a better understanding of how their decisions and behaviors can impact others.

To learn more about Reach For Youth, Inc., or the Teen Court program, please visit please visit www.reachforyouth.org or www.yourteencourt.org.

For more information on the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, visit www.Indy.gov/MCPO.

PHOTO CAPTION: Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry presents the 2014 Crime Fighter of the Year Award to Reach For Youth, Inc. on August 5, 2014. Pictured L-R: Reach For Youth President and Executive Director Michelle Study-Campbell and Prosecutor Terry Curry